

**§ 143B-707.8. Federal 340B Program – Department of Public Safety/Department of Health and Human Services partnership.**

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) shall establish and implement a partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in order for DPS to be eligible to operate as a 340B covered entity. The Department of Public Safety shall contract for consultant services in order to implement this section. In order to implement the requirements of this section, DPS shall do all of the following:

- (1) Submit an application during the next registration period to enroll in the federal 340B Program found in section 340B of the Public Health Service Act (the "340B Program") to be able to access 340B Program pricing for medications used to treat the human immune deficiency virus (HIV), the hepatitis C virus (HCV), and eligible sexually transmitted diseases (STD).
- (2) Provide DHHS all data and necessary documentation as frequently as such information is needed by DHHS for the implementation of this section.
- (3) Ensure that the DPS Apex Central Pharmacy, and any other DPS pharmacies necessary, are compliant dispensing pharmacies under the 340B Program.
- (4) Coordinate with one or more vendors to purchase STD 340B Program medications that result in the greatest overall cost savings available to the State, whether such savings are achieved by 340B Program pricing, non-340B Program volume discounts, or a combination of both.
- (5) Develop a separate inventory to track 340B Program medications. (2019-135, s. 7(a).)